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SUBJECT.

Purchase of Tents for Imperial Service Regiment.

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OFFICE OF THE
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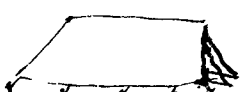
My dear Jones

As you say the matter
re tents is not an urgent
one, if it can stand over
till Jackens return I should
prefer it so.

My opinion is that the
two poled  tent
as used in most B.C. Reginents
are the best that I have
seen. I think the bell tent
has been fairly universally

condemned & those
Regiments that have tried
them. I could give you
all the points for & against
each, but need not burden
you with it in this letter

Yours sincerely.

Ashley Lowe.

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My dear Jones

Your letter of 18th re
tents.

I strongly recommend the
tent I mentioned to you
in my last letter. In
my Regiment we make our
own. I fancy a pattern
could be obtained from the
Elgin Mills Cawnpore. They
are light, roomy inside, & pack
well on a pony or mules

There is one to each two men with room for Lyce & Library. This is in peace time & at Camps of Exercise. On service the tent will hold from 4 to 6 men. I am not quite certain of the number.

I have written to the Ord: General to ask him if he knows of any later or better pattern & that he can recommend.

If thought necessary I could obtain all necessary

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My dear Peyton.

Thanks for your letter of the 15th Instant.

I think it will be well to wait before purchasing, to see the I.G's reply and if he approves of the patterns sent suggested by you. I would be greatly obliged if you would kindly get all the necessary information from your Regiment

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Yours sincerely

D R Lyons

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My dear Jones,

With reference to
your D.O. & tents for
the Y.S.P. Lt Howard
Keeler recommends the
adoption of the two
poled tent in use in
the majority of the B.C
Regiments. A pattern
can be obtained from the
Elgin Mills Cawnpore

& Y. Y. are authorized
to do so. I will write
& explain what is requir
I should think with a
pattern. They could be
made up in the stores.
We make our own Regimen

Yours Truly.

A Stayton.

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FROM

THE INSPECTING OFFICER FILE No. 102 of 98-99
HYDERABAD & MYSORE
I.S.CAVALRY. SERIAL No. 5

TO

THE MILITARY ASSISTANT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

Bangaloke 3rd Febkuary 1899.

You ask my opinion on the tent question.

Extract rom Quarter Master General in India Circular memorandum no 32 dated 29th December 1894 to districts, heads of departments etc.

"Silladar cavalry regiments will in future make their "own arrangements for tents, & may adopt any pattern they "choose, on the understanding that each tent shall be capable "of accommodating 3 men & 1 syce on the Field Service scale, "but at the same time shall not weigh more than 26 ½ lbs. "Commanding officers are at liberty to provide sufficient "tents to admit of 2 men & 1 syce being accommodated in "each tent during peace-time."

This gives a guide as to the re-tenting question.

2. Now to come to detail.

In our British Indian silladar cavalry, the syce is the personal servant of the 2 sowars (joki) in peace time. On service he becomes the personal servant of 3 men, being at the same time the transport attendant of the pony allotted to carry the tent & baggage of this unit of 3 men. As such he sleeps in the same tent, and the weight of the tent is increased by 3 lbs (the tentage allowed for a follower of this description) i.e. from 22 ½ lbs to 26 ½ lbs.

3. In Mysore the transport is not silladar, but Government. Further it may not be considered desirable or necessary for the transport attendant to sleep in the same tent as the unit of 3 men.

4. In principle on (3) is adhered to, & arranged in the Field Service Equipment tables in force, then separate tentage arrangements must be made, as heretofore, for transport attendants. This would, under ordinary circumstances, entail the reduction of the tent required for 3 men from 26 ½ lbs to 22 ½ lbs.

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shelter as all this tent can ever be, & weighing less when wet. But please see the reports on pages 18 to 20 in J.Duxburg & Cos price list enclosed.

10. This brings me to my final recommendations

(a) Wire to Bell & Co Cawnpore for a mildewained khaki drill <u>sowars</u> tent as supplied to the 4th Bengal Cavalry.

N.B. They might be asked if they get their khaki drill from Duxburg & Co Bombay, as the latter are sole agents in India.

(b) Wire to the Muir Mills Cawnpore for a <u>reduced size</u> Bengal Cavalry <u>sowars</u> tent as supplied to the 10th Bengal Lancers.

(c) Wire to the Elgin Mills Cawnpore for a Bengal Cavalry <u>sowars</u> tent of the pattern they recommend best, which does not exceed 25 ½ lbs complete.

In all 3 cases asking for the lowest estimate for 225 tents of the pattern supplied. After receipt of the patterns & estimates we might assemble in committee at the stores to consider the whole question.

11. It is just possible I think that the Inspector General of Cavalry will hold a large Cavalry Camp in Southern India next drill season. The Mysore I.S.Lancers would of course be invited to attend, so it would be advisable to have the tents ready as early as possible. In fact in time for squadron training in August.

Captain.
Inspecting Officer.
Hyderabad & Mysore I.S. Cavalry.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMANDANT,
MYSORE STATE TROOPS

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From

THE CHIEF COMMANDANT,
MYSORE STATE TROOPS.

To The Military Assistant to the Government of Mysore

Dated 8/6
Despatched June.
Received
General No. 2114
Enclosure No. 4

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith the accompanying bill for Rupees 171-14-0, one hundred and seventy one and annas fourteen only being the Cost of

of sample tents purchased from Messrs. Elgin Mills Company &c Cawnpur, and to request that you will kindly obtain the sanction of Government for the charge being met from the sum of Rupees 4,000/- provided in the Current years Budget under the head "Purchase and Repairs of Arms, Accoutrements, Tents &c."

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt

J. Delamotte

Lt. Colonel
Commanding
Bengal Native Troops.

Pro of the Govt of Mysore

Military

Read

Letter No 2114 of the 8th June 1899 from the Chief Commandant Mysore State Troops submitting a bill for Rs 171-14-0 being the cost of Sample tents ordered from the Elgin Mills Company Cawnpore requesting that Sanction may be accorded for the payment of the amount from the Grant of Rs 4000/- provided in the Military Budget ~~for the Current Official year~~ for "Purchase & Repairs of Arms, Accoutrements & Tents &c"

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Order thereon No 139

Dated Bangalore 9th June 1899

Sanctioned -

By order

Asst Secy

Mily Dept

To The Comptroller of Mysore with the bill & Vouchers

The Chief Commandant Mysore State Troops